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FOR ACTING ADMINISTRATOR, AID AND AA/PPC FROM PARKER

SUBJECT: FY 1976 NEW INITIATIVES

1. FOLLOWING ARE MY REACTIONS TO YOUR NOTE OF NOVEMBER 1. WHILE I APPROVE PROPOSALS YOUR NEMBERED PARAGRAPHS 2 - 8, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE MATERIAL ON THE IMPLICATIONS AND OPERATIONS OF GUARANTY AUTHORITY AS A NECESSARY CONDITION OF POSITIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

2. THE PROPOSAL FOR A SAHEL DEVELOPMENT FUND RAISES SERIES OF PROBLEMS. MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO LET PARAGRAPHS 9 AND 10 STAND, AMEND YOUR PARAGRAPH 11 BY DELETING LAST SENTENCE AND INSERTING FOLLOWING SENTENCES: AS THE AID DONORS AND RECIPIENTS ACHIEVE COORDINATION IN THEIR PLANNING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT AREA, WE WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT BOTH THE ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE OF NEW INVESTMENTS NEEDED AND THE FORMS OF INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES BEST SUITED FOR WORK THERE. RE THE LATTER, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP AN OVERALL CONCEPT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OR IT MAY PROVE TO BE DESIRABLE TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPMENT THERE IN TERMS OF LARGE, DISCRETE AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SENEGAL ROVER PROJECT; THE NIGER RIVER PROJECT; THE LAKE CHAD PROJECT. I WOULD DELETE YOUR PARAGRAPH 12. IF YOU ARE CONVINCED THAT SOME MENTION OF MAGNITUDE IS INVOLVED, ONE MIGHT SPEAK IN TERMS OF PROSPECTIVE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR UNDERTAKINGS. IN THE WAKE

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OF OUT VISIT, LLOYD AND I HAVE THE GRAVEST DOUBTS ABOUT OUR AVILITY

TO HAVE A SPECIFIC PACKAGE READY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE IN JANUARY. FINALLY THE LAST LINE OF YOUR NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 12 MIGHT BE PLACED AT THE END OF THE REVISED PARAGRAPH 11.

3. IN RE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, I BELIEVE THAT THE APPROACH PROPOSED IS SATISFACTORY.

4. FINALLY, CONCERNING THE SEPARATION OF THE CONTINGENCY FUND FROM THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND, THERE MUST BE A PREFACE TO OUR PROPOSAL EXPLAINING THAT THIS DOES REFLECT AID'S PAROCHIAL VIEWS AND THAT BEFORE WE GO FURTHER IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CHECK WITH THE SECRETARY AND WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY FOUNDATION STAFF WHO PROBABLY HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW AS TO HOW WE SHOULD SET FORTH OUR CONTINGENCY FUND REQUEST. VOLPE

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